

## RULE

Department of Health and Hospitals  
Office of the Secretary  
Bureau of Health Services Financing

Leave of Absence.Nursing Facility Residents

The Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of the Secretary, Bureau of Health Services Financing has adopted the following rule, under the Medical Assistance Program, as authorized by R.S. 46:153 and pursuant to Title XIX of the Social Security Act and as directed by the 1995–96 General Appropriation Act, which states: "The secretary shall implement reductions in the Medicaid program as necessary to control expenditures to the level approved in this schedule. The secretary is hereby directed to utilize various cost containment measures to accomplish these reductions, including but not limited to pre-certification, pre-admission screening, utilization review, and other measures as allowed by federal law". This rule is in accordance with the provision of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq.

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The Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of the Secretary, Bureau of Health Services Financing provides payments to nursing facilities for leave of absence days as follows.

1. Beds are reserved for up to five days per hospitalization for treatment of an acute condition.
2. Beds are reserved up to nine days per calendar year for other leave days.

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